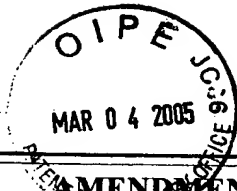


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Invention: **TRANSGENIC PLANTS CONTAINING LIGNINASE AND CELLULOSE WHICH DEGRADE LIGNIN AND CELLULOSE TO FERMENTABLE SUGARS**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 03, 2004, Applicants amend and remark as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.